in the past that due to lack of educational material for the patients there was difficulty for the health care team to involve the patient as an active member of the diabetes treatment. Presently, books on diet and exercise for diabetics are being published to create an awareness among the patients on the important role played by these two factors and the patient's own role for the adequate control of diabetes.

(c) and (d) The National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, of the ICMR has been doing research on the hypoglycemic effect of fenugreek (methi) in normal and diabetic volunteers in small samples. Positive results have been observed by the NIN in lowering blood glucose in the diabetic and also in controlling these diabetic symptoms of poly-uria, polydypsia and polyphagia. Long-term trials are now being planned to establish the efficacy of fenugreek in controlling diabetes.

Import of Interferon

1965. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any R & D work has been initiated in the production of "Interferon" through new genetic tools and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether any Interferon has ever been imported into the country to fight any disease/ailments; and

(c) what is the present status of Interferon R & D in the world and Indias'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No Research and Development work has been initiated in the production of interferon in India.

(b) Interferon has not been imported into the country to fight any disease/ailment.

(c) In U.S.A. human interferon gene has been cloned.

A-I Flights

1966. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is running flights as a profit-making commercial agency; and

(b) whether Government propose to give due attention to develop air traffic with Africa, South America and Eastern Countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Commercial considerations are normally paramount while taking a decision regarding introduction/continuation of an air service.

(b) Air-India operates adequate number of services on the Japan, Hong Kong and Africa routes to cater to the traffic needs. Due to limited traffic potential, Air-India does not have any plans to operate to South America at present.

1967. [*Withdrawn*].

Happiness Hormone

1968. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new "Happiness Hormone" or indigenous morphine has been synthesised and is likely to overcome the problem of drug addict and if so, details thereof; and

(b) what is the status of R & D work on meeting drug addiction in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir. There has been no synthesis of any such hormone.

(b) The Research and Development efforts in the area proposed to be covered by the Health Sector relate to:— (i) development of substance abuse health related morbidity and mortality (ii) study methods of treatments and their outcomes (iii) study adverse health consequences of raw opium and cannabis use so as to assist in subsequent health policy development, (iv) study to develop methods and techniques to improve adverse drug and alcohol related morbidity patterns as seen in the casualty/emergency areas, (v) Health education related to substance abuse.

The Indian Council of Medical Research has been requested to undertake continuous projects in the above areas, under the Manpower Development Centre.

Setting up of Auxilliary Factory of ITI

1969. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up somee auxilliary factory of ITI at Mankapur in district Gonda of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the auxilliary factory will be set up at Mankapur itself; and

(c) if not, the alternate places selected for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Testing of Condoms by CIPL, Ghaziabad

1970. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of complaints have been received on the malpractices in testing condoms by Central India Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad;

(b) if so, what is the nature of these complaints;

(c) whether those complaints have been investigated;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take any steps to streamline the testing procedures; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government have not received any complaint on the malpractices in testing of condoms by Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Availability of medicines for common diseases

1971. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to include certain common diseases such as chest infection, hypertension, viral infection, urinary infection under the National Health Programme;

(b) if so, by when these diseases will be covered under the programme;